

Bremer Is Isolated At Md. Penitentiary

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Arthur Herman Bremer, the Milwaukee school janitor and busboy who got the notoriety and worldwide recognition he said he wanted after shooting Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace, was alone again yesterday—kept in an isolated hospital cell of the Maryland Penitentiary in Baltimore and watched over by a lone guard after being found guilty Friday by a Prince George's County jury.

"Bremer is being handled as if he had suicidal tendencies," Bob Grams, a penitentiary spokesman, said. The 24-hour guard is posted at his cell "more to watch Bremer" than to protect him from the other prisoners, about 30 feet away, who are separated from Bremer's cell by an iron grill.

During Bremer's trial, defense psychiatrists testified that Bremer had suicidal tendencies and was legally insane when he shot Wallace and three others May 15 at a Laurel campaign rally.

Bremer's carefully planned odyssey to kill President Nixon, and then Wallace so that he could rise from his frustrated, obscurity to world fame was recorded in his own words in a diary read at the trial.

Sentenced to 63 years in prison on Friday, the 21-year-old Bremer will not be eligible for parole until early 1988. Grams said Bremer will be examined during the next three weeks by a team of psychiatrists and psychologists and could be referred to the Patuxent Institution, Maryland's unique prison for persons with criminal personalities.

Bremer was brought to the state penitentiary for the diagnosis about two hours after he

was sentenced on Friday. He wore a bullet proof vest and had about 20 armed guards with him.

Yesterday, he was shorn of the vest and the snappy sports coat and trousers he had worn during the trial—and the entourage of guards. The penitentiary dressed him in the white coveralls that all inmates undergoing diagnosis wear, Grams said.

"Bremer has expressed no desire or interest to communicate with anyone," Grams said.

Meanwhile, Gov. Wallace, partly paralyzed from the shooting, was enjoying his first extended stay away from the Spain Rehabilitation Center in Birmingham since his appearance at the Democratic National Convention last month.

Wallace is progressing well, an aide, Elvin Stanton, said yesterday. The Governor is with his family this weekend—"we're not saying where he is, but he's with his family," Stanton said.

The aide said Wallace would have "no comment" on Bremer's conviction and sentencing. As for Bremer's stalking of Wallace as revealed in the diary at the trial last week, Stanton said: "We haven't reacted."